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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: H. HASEBE et al  
Serial No. 09/988,644  
Filed: November 20, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2827  
Examiner: A. CHAMBLISS  
For: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

**MS: Patent Application**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 22, 2003

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/988,644, filed on November 20, 2001, entitled A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Basic Fee							\$ 750.00	
Total Claims	5	-	20	=	0	x 18	=	0.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	x 84	=	0.00
Total Filing Fee							\$ 750.00	

3. A credit card payment form including the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. New drawings are enclosed, twelve (12) sheets, Figs. 1-27.

6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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**Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.**

7. The prior application is assigned to HITACHI, LTD.  
and HITACHI HOKKAI SEMICONDUCTOR, LTD.

8. Priority of the following Japanese patent application  
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 2000-401933, filed December 28, 2000; and  
No. 2001-301355, filed September 28, 2001.

The certified priority documents have been filed in the prior  
application, 09/988,644, filed November 20, 2001.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained  
in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed  
in the present continuation application would have been new  
matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/988,644 as  
originally filed on November 20, 2001.



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